

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2014

Introduced by Assembly Member Melendez

February 16, 2016

An act to add Section 2566 to the Streets and Highways Code, relating to transportation.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2014, as introduced, Melendez. Freeway Service Patrol Act: workload study.

The Freeway Service Patrol Act authorizes and provides funding for freeway service patrols, operated pursuant to an agreement between the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation, and a regional or local governmental entity, on traffic-congested urban freeways throughout the state.

This bill would require, no later than June 30, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and in consultation with regional and local entities, to complete a workload study to assess resource needs to supervise existing and expanded freeway service patrols identified by regional and local entities and to submit the study to the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and the Assembly Committee on Budget. The bill would also require the departments to prepare their annual budget requests to the Legislature to accommodate the Department of the California Highway Patrol's oversight of increased freeway service patrols identified in the study.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 2566 is added to the Streets and Highways Code, to read:

2566. (a) No later than June 30, 2017, and every two years thereafter, the Department of the California Highway Patrol, in coordination with the Department of Transportation and in consultation with regional and local entities, shall complete a workload study to assess resource needs to supervise existing and expanded freeway service patrols identified by regional and local entities. The study shall do both of the following:

(1) Identify potential additional freeway mileage that could be served by new freeway service patrols, as recommended by regional and local entities, that have a reasonable expectation of meeting the eligibility requirements of this chapter and current program guidelines.

(2) Identify additional Department of California Highway Patrol resources needed to supervise additional freeway mileage identified in paragraph (1).

(b) The Department of the California Highway Patrol shall submit the study to the Senate Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review and the Assembly Committee on Budget.

(c) The Department of the California Highway Patrol and the Department of Transportation shall prepare their annual budget requests to the Legislature to accommodate the Department of the California Highway Patrol's oversight of increased freeway service patrols identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (a), if regional and local entities have proposed increased service, by a date specified in the program guidelines.